



## **MINUTES**

**Regular Commission Meeting  
Civic Center Plaza Bldg., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1200 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101  
Friday, May 30, 2008**

### **Commissioners Present**

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| Colette Carson-Royston, Chair | Lewis Klein   |
| Claire Anderson               | Judy McDonald |
| Garet Clark                   | Victoria Reed |
| Courtney Ann Coyle            | Randy Robbins |
| Robert Gleason                |               |
| Dea Hurston                   |               |

### **Commissioners Absent**

Joanne Hayakawa  
Bennett Peji  
Lorin Stewart

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Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting.

### **II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

A **made a motion was made** to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2008 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. **The motion carried.**

#### **B. Announcements**

Chair Colette Carson Royston reported that the June 25, 2008 Rules Committee, a subcommittee of the City Council, is scheduled to hear two Commission items – the amendments to the Municipal Code that established the Commission for Arts and Culture and the amendments to the City's Donations Policy. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., in the City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Committee Room. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

**1. Budget Hearing** - Colette reported that the budget hearings will continue with a Budget Review Committee meeting on June 4, 2008 and a City Council hearing on

June 9, 2008. The Commission has had no indication that there will be changes to the Commission's budget recommendations.

**2. Committee Appointment** - Colette announced the appointment of Commissioner Joanne Hayakawa to the Public Art Committee.

**Commission Membership** - Chair Colette Carson Royston announced that Commissioner Tom DiZinno sent a letter of resignation to Mayor Jerry Sanders. Colette reported that, although Tom's work demands inhibit him in continuing as a Commissioner, he would like to continue to serve on the Advocacy Advisory Committee and assist with planning the Commission's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Staff Accolades**

**1. Customer Satisfaction** - Victoria Hamilton congratulated staff members Christine Jones and Teresa Holm for their exemplary work and customer service. Christine Jones was highlighted in the City of San Diego's website newsletter. Teresa Holm was identified in many of the Customer Satisfaction Reports received from arts and culture organizations for her expertise and high level of customer service. Linda Sokol, Nigel Brookes and Gary Margolis also received accolades from the contractors.

**B. Budget Process Update** - Victoria announced that the Commission is working with the City of San Diego's Purchasing and Contracting Departments to make recommended changes to the contracts.

#### **C. California Data Project Update**

Victoria Hamilton announced that the California Cultural Data Project held three training sessions in San Diego – on May 14, 2008 at the La Jolla Playhouse, on May 15, 2008 at the San Diego Museum of Art and on May 16, 2008 at the Escondido Arts Partnership Museum of Art Municipal Gallery. Gary Margolis gave a brief overview of the sessions and announced that the Philadelphia-based Cultural Data Project staff will be available to give technical assistance to customers in California.

#### **Announcements**

Victoria congratulated Dana Springs on her appointment as Co-Chair of the Public Art Committee Southern California Coalition (PACSoCal).

Victoria announced that the Commission was awarded a \$24,000 conservation grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for public artwork *Journey to Aztlan*, by artists Einar and Jamex de la Torre, located at the San Diego Convention Center.

Victoria reported that the California Chapter of Grantmakers in the Arts will convene on September 9, 2008 at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's downtown location.

#### **IV. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **A. Public Art Updates**

**1. Partnership with Centre City Development Corporation to study the feasibility of conserving Irving Gill's fountain in Horton Plaza** – Randy Robbins reported that the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) has offered \$20,000 to pay for a conservation study of the Irving Gill fountain in Horton Plaza.

Randy announced that a public design presentation for the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Embarcadero Planning Center, 585 Harbor Lane.

Victoria Reed gave an update on the Coronado Bridge Lighting Project, through the Port's Signature Art Committee. She reported that the deadline for artist submissions is June 6, 2008.

Courtney Ann Coyle gave a brief report on Port-related public art updates including the Hilton Hotel Bench Project.

#### **V. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Robert Gleason reported that the Advocacy Advisory Committee has been concentrating its efforts on the City Council Budget Review Committee hearings and gaining the support of the Mayor and City Council of arts and culture. Robert thanked the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition for their efforts to educate the public on the Mayoral/City Council candidate races and having the press release on "*Candidates Make Statements on Arts and Culture*" publicly accessible on the San Diego Performing Arts League website.

#### **VI. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Diversity Workshop** - Lewis Klein gave a brief update on the Diversity workshop, "*The Diversity Doctor Is In*" – *A View From Higher Education*, that was held on May 29, 2008 with over 80 people in attendance. He said that the panelists provided interesting and different perspectives on what diversity means. Victoria Hamilton announced that there will be a Diversity Initiative Advisory Committee's public hearing on the *Five Year Diversity Initiative Report* held on June 16, 2008 at noon, in the Santa Fe Room, in Balboa Park.

**Emerging Leaders:Mentorship Program** - Gary Margolis gave a brief update on the organizations that are participating in the program. He reported that all mentees have been assigned to mentors.

**VII. VISIBILITY UPDATE**

Claire announced that there will be no Commission meeting in June 2008. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 18, 2008, location yet to be determined.

**A. Goodwill Visits Report Out**

Commissioner's reported on the goodwill visits completed to various arts and culture organizations including the San Diego Junior Theatre and San Diego Young Artist Symphony.

**B. ABC Committee Update**

Claire reported in Lorin Stewart's absence. Claire reported that the Chamber's Small Business Award luncheon was held on May 28, 2008. Loren Stewart, Chairman of the ABC Committee presented the Arts Business & Culture Award to the architectural firm of Mosser, Drew, Watson & Ferguson for their good work and support of the arts and culture community.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was made by:

1. Paul Broadway, Council District 3 Candidate.
2. Todd Gloria, Council District 3 Candidate.

**XIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING**

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**GUESTS:**

Paul Broadway  
Todd Gloria  
Sara Rogers  
Rebecca Rader  
Anne Marie Maricle